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REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AS REGARDS EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Use of the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following decision:

Use of the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 15 of resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 of the General Assembly relating to a special voluntary fund to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the negotiation process of the Committee,

Recalling also paragraph 13 of resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 and paragraph 8 of resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995 of the General Assembly relating to the possibility of using the trust fund to support the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Recalling also paragraph 13 (b) of resolution 51/180 of 16 December 1996 relating to the maintenance of arrangements relating to extrabudgetary funds,

Noting with pleasure the entry into force of the Convention on 26 December 1996,

1. Decides that the head of the interim secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall have the possibility of using the special voluntary fund, as appropriate, to assist developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, to participate fully and effectively in the Conferences of the Parties process;

2. Decides further that the head of the interim secretariat, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall have the possibility of using the trust fund, as appropriate, to support also the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Conferences of the Parties.